

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as anticipated by Miller US Patent 5,237,617. In traversing this rejection attention is drawn to page 3 of the rejection wherein the reference is cited for showing "a synthesizer (synthesizer 32) connected with or integral with said signal processing unit said synthesizer outputting a synthetic sound components signal to a device (device 32) for adding said synthesizer output signal to said output of said sound pressure sensor (signal 28 added at synthesizer 32, Miller discloses signal 28 is a function of pressure sensors 23 and 24) ."

Applicants submit that synthesizer 32 cannot also be device 32 and that the output (41 or 39) of the synthesizer cannot be added to the sound pressure signal 28 of Miller.

This claimed feature is shown in the figure of applicants specification as the adder 46 wherein the output of synthesizer 40 is mixed with or added to the output signals generated from the sound pressure sensor 12.

As each of independent Claims 1, 8 and 9 contain this limitations, Applicants submit that the present invention defines over the reference to Miller.

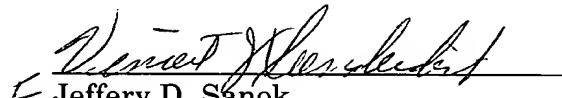
The rejection of Claims 5 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112 has been addressed by the changes to the claims, as required for a proper antecedent basis.

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If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #02898749843).

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